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| Applicant: | Barany et al. |) | Examiner: | Rankins, W. |
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed May 13, 2008 (hereinafter "the Office Action")
in connection with the above-identified application, applicants respond as follows, wherein:

Claim Amendments begin on page 2; and

Remarks begin on page 6.